

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Real Estate)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	31036	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	March 20, 2014
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Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
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**Subject**

Approve an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple five tracts of land totaling approximately 23.431 acres in Travis County, Texas, located along Old San Antonio Road, from Eric Arnold Wunneburger, individually and as executor of the Estate of Flora Wunneburger a/k/a Flora Wunneburger a/k/a Betty Wunneburger, deceased, and Gregg W. Wunneburger, for a total amount not to exceed \$885,000, authorizing the naming of the tract as the Wunneburger Park, and waiving City Code Chapter 14-1 requirements related to naming public property.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

The Parks & Recreation Department would fund this proposed acquisition through parkland dedication funds and 2006 Proposition 3 Bond Funds.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

One of the top priorities in the Parks and Recreation Departments Long Range Plan and Travis County Greenprint for Growth is acquiring parkland along Onion Creek. The proposed 23.431 acre acquisition provides over a 1/4 mile of creek frontage and serves as a connection between existing parkland. While the lower portion of this property along Onion Creek serves as a connection between existing parkland the upper portion provides excellent opportunities for more active recreational facilities, such as open field play.

As a condition under the purchase and sale agreement, the owner requests that the tract of land be named as the Wunneburger Park. Mr. and Mrs. Wunneburger both served in the US Air Force as officers in World War II and the Korean wars. After retiring from military service, they purchased the land around Onion Creek building the last home they would both ever live in and raised their four sons on this piece of property. Arnold's love for the area motivated him to move a log cabin that he was born in from Bastrop County to the banks of Onion Creek but that was unfortunately lost to a major flood several years ago. Cattle and horse ranching, fishing, hunting, boating, and lots of extended family picnics were held in the beautiful setting on Onion Creek. Besides raising their sons, Arnold and Betty both held active lives post military retirement. Arnold taught physics, science and math at Reagan High School in north Austin. Betty spent many years as a nurse administrator at both Brackenridge and St. David Hospital, as well as assistant principal at Del Valle Schools.

The purchase price of \$885,000 is the current fair market value as determined by an independent third party appraiser.